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A bulletin (No. 7) of the division of entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture says that in France and Pennsylvania an industry has recently sprung up, which consists of the farming of spiders for the purpose of stocking wine cellars, and thus securing almost immediate coating of cobwebs to new wine bottles, giving them the appearance of great age. This industry is carried on in a little French village in the Department of Loire, and near Philadelphia, where *Spelra vulgaris* and *Nephila plumipes* are raised in large quantities and sold to wine merchants at the rate of \$10 per hundred. This application of entomology to industry is one which will not be highly commended.

A Mexico City telegram says: "A company has been incorporated here with a million dollars capital, the larger part of the shares being taken by Pearson & Son, English contractors having in hand the drainage of the valley of Mexico and the port works at Vera Cruz, with a few Mexican shareholders. The new company will be known as the Mexican Land, Navigation and Railway Company. The first object of the company is to build a railway from some suitable point on the National Tehuantepec Railroad to a desirable point in the state of Vera Cruz. The government gives a subsidy of over 8,000 acres of public lands per kilometer of railway constructed. On some 400,000 acres of land thus acquired the company will settle European and other colonists. Among other plans of the company is to acquire railways in the southern part of Vera Cruz, and also the building of new lines. Part of the main railway line has already been located, and construction will begin in two months.

Many office-holders can repeat glibly the aphorism that "a public office is a public trust," but a New Jersey county collector has proved the sturdiness of his convictions in a very unusual way. Four years ago the New Jersey legislature passed a law authorizing collectors to retain two per cent of their collections as compensation. Under this law the official in question is entitled to nearly forty thousand dollars a year. But he has always refused to take more than his yearly salary of forty-five hundred dollars, on the ground that the law permitted a robbery from the people from which he was not willing to derive any personal benefit. He will not die a rich man, but he has what is more to be desired than wealth, the respect and confidence of his neighbors. His example of official unselfishness and integrity is worth more in its uplifting moral effect upon the community, than if as a mere money-getting citizen he had given a lifetime to the successful accumulation of moderate or even immoderate wealth.

They say Queen Victoria is just as fond of a circus and races as any of the young folks. Everyone likes a circus, but some people try to make you believe they don't. And this, also, is amusing. May good Victoria's circus day come for years yet.

New York now drinks its whisky in clubs and avoids the amended Raines law. Gotham has a thirst that is imperishable and insatiable. It is now Greater New York with a greater tank capacity than any city of the New World.

The young Mexican who this week shot and killed four men in order that he might elope with pretty Anita Moyas, can truthfully be said to have been madly in love. His name is Macedonio Frausta, and, only think, he is but 17. Cupid's darts are thrown by youngsters in Mexicanna.

A census of Washington, D. C. just completed, reveals 88,000 negroes out of a total population of 277,000. This is the largest negro settlement in the United States, and surely makes Washington the darkest town in America.

Mrs. John B. Henderson, wife of the ex-senator from Missouri, is a strong advocate of woman's suffrage, and is authority for the statement that most of the ladies of Washington's official circle are of the same opinion. Mrs. Henderson is known as the possessor of much personal beauty, skill as an artist and unusual mental attainments.

The Tennessee centennial exhibition at Nashville has been in operation one month, and yet the management is already all "torn up" over the Sunday question. Same old story.

CHIEFS TO BE SHOT.

FINDING OF THE SECRET COURT-MARTIAL

On General Rivera and Colonel Bacallao—
The Filibusters Are Again Very Lively—
Spanish Government Gave Notice of a
New One to the Treasury Department.

New York, June 14.—A dispatch to the Journal from Havana says: The secret court-martial of General Ruiz Rivera and Colonel Bacallao, the insurgent chiefs captured at Pinar del Rio, was closed at Habana early Saturday. The sentences were death in both cases and the execution may occur during the coming week unless Washington renews its protest.

New York, June 14.—The Herald's Havana cable says: Americans are much exercised over the report that the trial of Major General Ruiz Rivera, who succeeded General Macao, and his chief of staff, General Bacallao, has ended, and the prisoners will be sentenced to be shot at once. It is urged by these Americans that congress should renew its request to President McKinley to intervene, and that Bacallao, as well as Rivera, be included in the request, as he could easily have escaped had he not stopped to help his wounded chief.

It is felt here the shooting of these men must bring out an earnest protest by other nations against the Spanish practice of shooting prisoners of war.

England Owns Delagoa.

London, June 14.—Delagoa bay, according to reports emanating from good sources, is already in the hands of the British, and the increased number of troops which have been sent to Cape Colony, is really intended for the occupation of the new possession when the time comes for announcing it. In this connection it is recalled that Rothschild practically purchased a controlling interest in the Suez canal for Lord Beaconsfield when the latter was prime minister of Great Britain, eighteen months before the transaction was announced, and Rothschild's name is now mentioned as finding the money for the purchase of Delagoa bay.

Peace Negotiation.

London, June 14.—The Times correspondent at Constantinople says: The sultan has appealed to Emperor Nicholas, and Emperor William to support his claims to annex Thessaly to the Ottoman empire. This proceeding highly displeases the ambassadors of the powers, who are expected to mark their displeasure by refusing to negotiate the other points in Turkey's demand until the evacuation demand is settled.

London, June 14.—It is understood that Saturday's peace conference at Constantinople was regarded as satisfactory by the ambassadors, but the sultan's direct appeal to Emperor William is again delaying matters. The Turks have already begun to gather the harvest in Thessaly.

It is reported that the revolutionists have captured two large steamers conveying reinforcements to the government forces near Montevideo.

In a special message to the Argentine congress, Buenos Ayres, Senator Uriburu proposes to farm out the working of the state railways.

A terrible rain and hail storm passed over Caldwell, Ohio. Many buildings were damaged. Much damage was done to crops and fruit.

The nine days tour of the Universal Postal congress was ended when the special train arrived in Washington. The work of the congress is practically finished.

The strike of the tailors of New York has entered upon its fifth week and there seems little hope that the end will be reached for at least ten days more.

Bryan at Washington.

Washington, June 14.—William J. Bryan paid a hurried visit to Washington yesterday, arriving here from New York yesterday morning and leaving in the evening for Norfolk, Va. There were many callers at the hotel where Mr. Bryan stopped. He attended services at the New York Avenue Presbyterian church, and later in the day dined with Senator Jones, chairman of the National democratic committee. Arthur Sewall, the late vice presidential candidate, also dined with Senator Jones.

A convict by the name of Young on the Farris farm, Alto, made a run for liberty, and was badly shot by the guard.

The case of Crockett King, at Hamilton, charged with the murder of Ed Cash, was continued by consent of both parties.

Miss Kate Senterfelt came near drowning while in bathing at the springs, Lampasas, but prompt work restored her.

Anti-Trust Amendments.

Washington, June 14.—The sugar schedule of the tariff bill is expected to continue to be the subject of consideration in the senate for the next day or two. The Hawaiian treaty and anti-trust amendments are still to be disposed of, and both will excite considerable debate.

With the sugar question settled, the agricultural schedule, which has been partially considered, will be again taken up, and will in time be followed by the tobacco schedule, if in the meantime the republicans agree upon its provisions.

The republican managers hope to also dispose of the spirits and cotton schedules during the week, and possibly make some progress with the hemp and flax provision. There was at one time talk of an attempt to add complementary duties on cotton goods because of the duty fixed on raw cotton, but this is understood to have been abandoned. The democrats do not find the present schedule objectionable except in minor details, and will allow it to go through with but little discussion.

The republican managers now hope that the debate in the senate will be concluded within the next two weeks, notwithstanding less than one-third of the bill has been gone over. They have secured an agreement with the democrats that the sessions shall begin at 11 o'clock each day instead of 12 o'clock.

Horses Cremated.

Dallas, Texas, June 14.—The livery and sale stable of J. R. Dendinger, located at 125 Hunt street, was totally destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Fourteen head of horses in the burning building were cremated as they stood in their stalls, too frightened to move. The fire had gained strong headway before discovered, and several stablemen had narrow escapes with their lives. Quite a quantity of feed and harness and several vehicles were burned. The origin of the fire is unknown. Several of the horses burned were exceedingly valuable animals. A dozen head were rescued by the firemen and stable hands, all of whom took desperate chances in the flames. Mr. Dendinger has no way of closely estimating his loss, but believes it will approximate \$50,000.

A Serious Runaway.

Fort Worth, Texas, June 14.—Misses Myrtle and Lottie Bridges and Ella Whitmore, 14 to 16 years of age, were thrown out of a buggy yesterday afternoon with serious results. Miss Ella Whitmore received a concussion of the brain, Miss Myrtle Bridges is severely bruised and Miss Lottie Bridges had her arm and wrist sprained. The accident occurred at 230 and Miss Whitmore has not yet recovered consciousness. Serious apprehensions are felt in regard to her.

Terrill School Board.

Terrill, Texas, June 14.—The school question remains unsettled. The mass meeting requested the old board of trustees to hold the fort. The new school board requested the old board to give them the keys to the school building, but the old board refused. Both boards will probably elect teachers.

El Paso, Texas, June 14.—The dry goods and grocery clerks of El Paso held a meeting yesterday afternoon and organized a Clerks' league, having for its purpose the securing of Sunday as a day of rest, for, notwithstanding the state law, the stores here keep open Sunday and the county and state officials have never endeavored to close them. The clerks will also ask that all dry goods, clothing and grocery stores close at 7 o'clock in the evening.

They have appealed to the Knights of Labor to help them close the stores Sunday.

A man named Benson at Paris had his right arm almost severed near the shoulder and was badly cut in another place by accidentally falling upon a circular saw.

DeWitt County Populists.

Cuero, Texas, June 14.—The populists held a meeting here Saturday, at which they passed resolutions condemning fusion—favoring the meeting at Memphis—and appointed delegates to the district convention at Kenedy, to be held soon.

Otto Wernerson, one of the passengers of the steamer Advance was transferred to the Swinburne island hospital, New York, suffering from yellow fever.

Rev. Harlow's Converts.

Waxahachie, Texas, June 14.—Four young ladies joined the Christian church last Saturday night at the close of Evangelist Harlow's sermon. He had a home made chart on the rostrum, and preached on "How to Study the Bible."

The census just completed by City Assessor James McSpalden shows that Commerce has, by actual count, 2750 inhabitants.

Kath Wischaw, a saloon man of De Kalb, was shot and killed by an unknown party.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

The new ice, light and power plant being put in at Ennis, Ellis county, is about ready for operation.

Bertram, Burnet county, has received about 100,000 pounds of wool during the past few days.

Albert Parrill shipped six cars of cattle from his place near Kaufman, Kaufman county, recently to St. Louis.

John F. Flynn shipped four carloads of beef cattle from Georgetown, Williamson county, to St. Louis market recently.

Cone & Eddleman and Charles McFarland the other day shipped a train load of beef cattle from Cramson, Hood county, to Chicago.

A man by the name of Gullet was lodged in jail at Bonham, Fannin county, the other day charged with criminal assault on a 10-year-old girl.

N. E. Calmes, a retail grocer at Kosse, Limestone county, made an assignment recently. Liabilities about \$1750; assets about the same.

McKinney, Collin county, now has the curfew ordinance. All persons under the age of 18 and not a married woman are subject to the law.

The 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burton, living in Greenville, Hunt county, fell from a chair a short time ago breaking his thigh bone.

Valentine Putka, a prominent farmer living near Skidmore, Bee county, was accidentally drowned the other day while in bathing in a creek.

A new residence belonging to George F. Pool, located in the northern part of Orange, Orange county, was burned the other day. It was valued at \$1000. No insurance.

The City hotel at Atlanta, Cass county, a large two-story frame building, was completely burned by fire several mornings ago. Building and contents insured for \$2500.

Alfred Cayce, 15 years old, living fifteen miles southwest of Ennis, Ellis county, was kicked on the head by a horse the other day and his injuries will probably prove fatal.

The residence of Robert McKnight colored, in Marshall, Harrison county was destroyed by fire the other day. Insurance \$740. The house and contents were a total loss.

Burris Blaylock, Garlington and Thompson, who have been in the county jail at Kaufman, Kaufman county, for some time charged with swindling were released the other day.

The Western Union Telegraph completed to Texarkana, Bowie county, the other day, their first exclusive wire from Kansas City over the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad.

A large Irish pot, grown near Ennis, Ellis county, is on exhibition there. It weighs 16 ounces and measures 12 1/2 inches in circumference. It was raised from potatoes planted two months ago.

A stalk of cotton measuring twenty-two inches in height and containing fifteen well grown squares was carried into Clarksville, Red River county, from the country and placed on exhibition.

A mammoth bell weighing 1500 pounds, is to be placed in the new court house tower as a part of the clock at Paris, Lamar county. It is claimed that such a bell can be heard a distance of six miles.

Joe Skinner, a well-to-do farmer of Vera, Cooke county, was kicked and killed by a mule recently. He was plowing at the time and was trying to detach some weeds from the plow when one of the mules kicked him, striking just behind the ear and crushing the skull, killing him instantly.

Abley, Taylor county, has just completed one of the largest water-works dams in the state. The dam is of earth, rip-rapped on upper side, and is 700 feet long, 30 feet high and 18 feet wide at the base. The spillway consists of a solid stone wall 300 feet long and 4 feet high. The reservoir has a capacity of 300,000,000 gallons.

John Red, a negro who broke jail at Mount Vernon, Franklin county, recently, was captured the other night. He was shot at seven times with shot-guns. One shot penetrating his leg brought him to the ground.

The artesian well at Paris, Lamar county, has reached a depth of 1965 feet with no prospect of an artesian flow. The contract calls for only 35 feet more in depth. If no water is obtained in the next thirty-five feet the city will in all probability abandon the project as a means of solving the water problem.

Byron Speights was given five years in the penitentiary on one charge a few days ago and is being tried for another. He burned a hole in the Beaumont lumber company's store at Beaumont, Jefferson county, and stole considerable property, making his entrance and exit through the hole.

Several evenings ago while Eph Dixon was shooting pigeons at East End park at Waxahachie, Ellis county, was shot in the nose. He was shooting the pigeons as they escaped from the trap-shooters when a single shot entered his nose about the center.

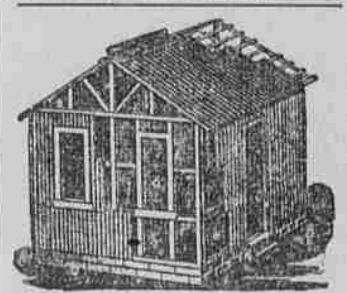
Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army was summoned before a New York magistrate on a charge of maintaining a public nuisance by keeping a prayer meeting open all night, thereby disturbing the slumbers of the unrighteous in the neighborhood who preferred sleep to a continuous performance prayer meeting. Booth-Tucker evidently does not believe in secret prayer so highly recommended by the highest authority as the best, for which reward openly is the promise.

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